Statement

(Value in Rs. '000)

Mineral	District	Unit	1994-95		1995-96		1996-97 (Provisional)	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Silica Sand	Allahabad	Tonne	55244	3450	66839	5031	79412	7203
	Banda	Tonne	6823	374	5481	287	2035	81
	Total		62067	3824	72320	5318	81447	7284
Magnesite	Almora	Tonne	25214	22699	30615	27707	32860	29738
	Pithorgarh	Tonne	24902	9538	31000	15888	43358	24022
	Total		50116	32237	61615	43595	76218	53760
Diaspore	Hamirpur	Tonne	250	88	742	371	35	35
	Jhansi	Tonne	601	658	479	599	395	323
	Lalitpur	Tonne	5077	5994	3880	3615	6012	8643
	Total		5928	6740	5101	4585	6442	9001
Pyrophyllite	Hamirpur	Tonne	1210	363	2729	819	7324	2197
	Jhansi	Tonne	2334	840	3425	1675	2369	3102
	Lalitpur	Tonne	1800	517	1320	548	3129	1782
	Total		5344	1720	7474	3042	12822	5081

[English]

Construction of Railway Line from Bangaon to Petrapole

260. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have since taken up the construction of railway line from Bangaon to Petrapole for running of trains between India and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) Survey for restoration of railway line from Bangaon to Petrapole for running of trains between India and Bangladesh has been taken up.

Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Mining Lease

261. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether number of proposals for grant of mining lease are pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(c) the details of mining lease granted to private/ foreign parties under the new mining policy during 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(d) whether some proposals for grant of mining lease to private parties in Madhya Pradesh is under consideration of the Government; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) Mineral Concession are granted as per provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 and Rules made thereunder. Proposals for grant of minerals concessions are received by the Cental Government for minerals specified under the Schedule-I of the afore-said Act from respective State Governments and are processed and disposed of as per provisions of law. All efforts are being made to expedite approval of Central Govt. 332 cases have been cleared during the year 1996-97. In certain cases the proposals received from the State Government are incomplete. In such cases, State Government are asked to furnish complete information for disposal.

(c) Mining activitiy in the country has historically been undertaken both by public sector and private sector companies. As on 1.1.1995 there were 8,567 mining leases in private sector in the country. As per Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 mining rights can be given only to an Indian National or a company defined in sub-section (1) of Section (3) of the Companies Act, 1956. Provided that in respect of any mineral specified in the First Schedule, no prospecting licence or mining lease shall be granted except with the previous approval of the Central Government.

(d) and (e) Grant of mineral concession is a continuous process and as many as seventy cases pe.taining to Madhya Pradesh have been disposed of during the year 1996-97.

Clearance of Power Projects

262. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government has given/propose to give clearance to any power projects in private sector; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost, names of participants and places where these projects are proposed to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) So far, 25 private power projects, with a capacity of 14,100 MW, have been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority. Apart from these, CEA considers such private power projects for techno-economic clearance (TEC) that have furnished complete Detailed Project Reports along with other requisite inputs/clearances.

(b) Details of the private power projects so far accorded TEC by the CEA is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Details of Proposals which have been accorded Techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority

Sl. No.	Project	Cap. (MW)	Cost (Rs. crs.)	State
1	2	3	4	5
HYDRO SCHEMES				
NORTHERN REGION				
1.	Baspa Stg.-II HEP (M/s JIL)	300	949.23	Himachal Pradesh
2.	Vishnu Prayag HEP (M/s JIL)	400	1614.60	Uttar Pradesh
WESTERN REGION				
3.	Maheshwar HEP (M/s S. Kumars)	400	1500.00	Madhya Pradesh
THERMAL SCHEMES				